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Looking Up Account Information Online Saves Time, Effort

Web Site Offers New Tools for Planning Your Retirement

Need to know the total amount contributed to your account? Want to look up your years of credited service? Log in to *My SDRS*, a special section of the new SDRS Web site. Launched this May, the Web site (www.sdrs.sd.gov) features SDRS information in a sleek, updated design — and offers you a new way to obtain your personal account information.

My SDRS

A convenient alternative to calling or writing the system, *My SDRS* lets you review your individual account information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Active members can visit the *My SDRS* section of the site to

- look up contribution totals, years of credited service, last 40 quarters of salary history, and current final average compensation
- use the benefits calculator to estimate the value of their benefit under different scenarios
- review addresses, beneficiaries

and other personal information to make sure it's up to date

- view their latest Personal Benefits Statement

Retirees can use *My SDRS* to view their account information, including

- the dollar amount of their last 13 checks
- a comparison of original and

current retirement benefits

- total payments received to date
- monthly and year-to-date deductions taken from benefit checks, such as federal income tax

SDRS News and Information

The portion of SDRS' Web site that is accessible to everyone features all the resources of the previous SDRS site.

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The screenshot shows the SDRS website interface. At the top is the SDRS logo and the text 'SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM'. Below this is a navigation bar with links: 'About SDRS', 'Retirement Planning', 'FAQs', 'Publications', and 'Contact SDRS'. The main content area features a large image of a smiling couple and the text 'South Dakota Retirement System'. Below this is a section titled 'My SDRS Personal Info' with a login form containing fields for 'Login ID' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Forgot your password?' and 'New registration for My SDRS Personal Information'. To the right of the login form is a paragraph about the SDRS mission. Three numbered callouts are overlaid on the image: 1 points to the navigation bar, 2 points to the login form, and 3 points to the 'New registration' link.

1 Use these links to find SDRS news, publications, retirement planning schedules, and calculators.

2 You'll log in here to access *My SDRS* using your ID and password.

3 The first time you visit *My SDRS*, click here to register for your SDRS ID and password.

SDRS Has a New Web Site Address

www.sdrs.sd.gov

Access Your Account Information in Just Three Steps


My SDRS Registration Is Quick, Easy

My SDRS offers you secure, up-to-date tools for retirement planning — and accessing those resources is quick and easy. With an SDRS ID and password, you can access your own personal account information through *My SDRS* whenever you need it.

New Web Site, *continued*

You can

- read news about services, legislative activity and events
- download SDRS publications
- review the schedules for individual counseling sessions and regional retirement planning seminars
- find answers to frequently asked questions
- contact SDRS via an e-mail link

Using this section's purchase calculator, you can figure the cost of purchasing additional credited service — another useful online tool for retirement planning. 

Registration

Registering for an SDRS ID and password is a simple three-step process:

1. **Click the "New Registration" link at www.sdrs.sd.gov** to load the registration form.
2. **Complete the registration form**, which asks you to supply basic personal information and create a password for future site access.
3. **Click the "Submit" button** to send information to SDRS and receive an SDRS ID.

SDRS ID

The SDRS ID and password are valid and may be used right away. SDRS will confirm the ID and password by mail and e-mail after registration.


The SDRS ID can be used in place of the Social Security number (SSN) for any future communication with SDRS, including mail, e-mail and phone contacts.

To sign in to *My SDRS* on future visits, simply enter the SDRS ID and password in the login area of www.sdrs.sd.gov — no need to re-enter your personal information.

Security

My SDRS is a secure section of the SDRS Web site, with your individual data protected according to international security standards as adopted by the South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications.

Access to your individual account information is permitted only with your SDRS ID and password.

It's not possible for anyone to change your personal information (including address, beneficiary designations, account information and so forth) via *My SDRS*. As in the past, you still must contact your employer or SDRS to request changes in your account information. 

Questions about the new Web site or the personal *My SDRS* section?

Contact SDRS by phone, fax or e-mail:

Phone: (605) 773-3731

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By e-mail: Visit www.sdrs.sd.gov and select "Contact SDRS."

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